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SUBJECT: GERMAN ETHNIC MIGRATION FROM ROMANIA:
CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER
FROM SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JAMES EASTLAND.

2. BEING TEXT. ENCLOSED IS A FILE WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO
THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION BY THE OFFICE OF SENATOR
HARRISON A. WILLIAMS, JR., CONCERNING RELATIVES OF SEVEN
GERMAN FAMILIES IN ROMANIA WHO HAVE BEEN TRYING SINCE WORLD
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WAR II TO RETURN TO WEST GERMANY. I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY
OF FORWARDING THE FILE TO YOU IN THE HOPE THAT SOME
ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE IN THESE CASES. I WOULD GREATLY
APPRECIATE RECEIVING A REPORT CONCERNING THIS SITUATION AND
BEING ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS. END TEXT.

3. FILE REFERS TO FOLLOWING NUCLEAR FAMILIES:

A. KATARINA AND KARL HANER; KATARINA, KARL, OTTO, HANS AND DIETER WEBER; PLUS GERDA, HANS, HANS AND UTE BARTESCH; ALL FROM AGNITA.

B. ROSA AND ANDREAS KRAUS, FROM CINCU; IDA, DIETER, ELKE AND WILHELM SINGER, FROM CODLEA.

C. HEINZ JURGEN, RENATE, FRANZISKA AND MARK CHRISTIAN KLEIN, ALL FROM GHIMBAV.

D. MARIA WALZER FROM SIBIU.

E. FRIEDRICH AND DOROTHEA BUHN; RENATE, WERNER AND ROSA GOLLNER; LIANE, OTTMAR, KUNO AND CHRISTIAN SCHMIDTS; ALL FROM CODLEA.

F. WERNER, BRUNHILDE, ANNEKATHRIN AND BERND JOACHIM ROTH, ALL FROM BRASOV.

G. DANIEL, AGNETA AND DANIEL MAURER, PLUS HANS, CHRISTINE AND GEROLD WEINHOLD, ALL FROM AXENTE.

4. MRS. DERIAN IS REPLYING TO SENATOR EASTLAND THAT FRG MAY BE IN BEST POSITION TO CONFIRM WHETHER THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING TO EMIGRATE, AND THAT WE ARE MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES. TO EXPEDITE FOLLOW-UP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPLY, EMBASSY BUCHAREST REQUESTED TO CONTACT FRG EMBASSY TO SEEK THIS INFORMATION, AND TO PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH RESULTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EMBASSY MAY NOTE TO FRG COUNTERPARTS THAT INQUIRY ABOUT THE STATUS OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS WAS RECEIVED FROM SENATOR EASTLAND. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO REFRAIN FROM GIVING WEST GERMANS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SENATOR OR THE DEPARTMENT IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE RESOLUTION OF THESE CASES AS OPPOSED TO OTHERS CONSIDERED ACTIVE OR IMPORTANT BY THE FRG EMBASSY.

5. EMBASSIES BUCHAREST AND BONN INVITED TO COMMENT ON WHAT, IF ANY, U.S. ACTION MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE IN ASSISTING THESE OR OTHER ETHNIC GERMANS SEEKING TO EMIGRATE, BILATERALLY IN A DIALOGUE WITH ROMANIA OR TO SUPPORT FRG'S DIRECT EFFORTS. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST IS TO ASSIST DEPARTMENT IN ITS INTERNAL CONSIDERATION AS TO WHETHER AN U.S. INITIATIVE MIGHT ASSIST WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT IN ITS OWN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE GERMAN ETHNIC EMIGRATION. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO INCLUDE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS IN MRS. DERIAN'S FOLLOW-UP REPLY TO SENATOR EASTLAND. VANCE

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